

STATEMENT OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE FUTURE
OF EAST ASIA

3 November, 1938

By the august virtue of His Majesty, the Imperial Army and Naval forces have succeeded in occupying Canton, Wuchang, Hankow, and Hauyang, and the main territory of China has been conquered. The National Government has been reduced to a local regime. But, as long as the regime continues the anti-Japan and pro-Communist policy, Imperial Japan will never lay down arms until the regime is completely destroyed. The ultimate aim of Imperial Japan is to establish a New Order which will secure eternal peace in the Far East, and this is the final purpose of the present war.

The foundation of the New Order can be established through the collaboration of Manchukuo and China with Japan in economics, politics and culture, based on cooperation and mutual aid. The New Order should aim at the establishment of international justice, anti-Communist cooperation, the new culture and economic unity in the Far East. This is what stabilizes East Asia and promotes world development. What Japan expects of China is for her to take partial charge of the duty of establishing the New Order in the Far East. Imperial Japan expects the people of China to understand Japan's sincerity and reply to Japan by giving her cooperation. In case the National Government starts its life anew by casting away the old policies and changing its staff, it will not be refused entry into the camp of the New Order.

Because Imperial Japan believes that the powers will rightly understand Japan's intentions and that they will change their attitude in order to suit the situation in East Asia, Japan is especially grateful for the kindness of the Allied Nations.

Believing that the establishment of the New Order in the Far East is originating from the spirit of the national foundation, the completion of the task is the glorious mission imposed on the people of Japan. Imperial Japan should take firm steps to renovate the various internal systems, to develop the total power of the nation and should advance to attain the mentioned purpose.

This is the unmovable principle and resolution of the Imperial Government.

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東亞ノ將來ニ關スル帝國政府聲明

今ヤ陛下ノ御懿旨ニ依リ帝國陸海軍ハ、克ク廣東、武漢三鎮ヲ攻略シテ、支那ノ要地ヲ戡定シタリ。國民政府ハ既ニ地方ノ一政權ニ過ギズ。然レドモ、尙同政府ニシテ抗日容共政策ヲ固執スル限り、コレガ殲滅ヲ見ルマデ、帝國ハ當ジテ矛ヲ收ムルコトナシ。帝國ノ聲求スル所ハ、東亞永遠ノ安定ヲ確保スヘキ新秩序ノ建設ニ在リ。今次征戰究極ノ目的亦此ニ存ス。

コノ新秩序ノ建設ハ日滿支三國相湧ヘ、政治、經濟、文化等各般ニ亘リ互助連環ノ關係ヲ樹立スルヲ以テ根幹トシ、東亞ニ於ケル國際正義ノ確立、共同防共ノ達成、新文化ノ創造、經濟結合ノ實現ヲ期スルニアリ。是レ安ニ東亞ヲ安定シ、世界ノ進歩ニ寄與スル所以ナリ。

帝國が支那ニ望ム所ハ、コノ東亞新秩序建設ノ任務ヲ分擔センコトニ在リ。帝國ハ支那國民方護ク我が眞意ヲ理解シ、以テ帝國ノ協力を應ヘムコトヲ期待ス。固ヨリ國民政府ト雖モ從來ノ指導政策ヲ一遵シ、ソノ人的變成ヲ改善シテ更生ノ實ツゲ、新秩序ノ建設ニ終りシズルニ於テハ憲テ之ヲ

頓否スルモノニアラバ。

帝國ハ列國モ亦帝國ノ意圖ヲ正確ニ認識シ、東亞ノ新情勢ニ適應スペキフ信ジテ疑ハズ。然中、監明諸國從來ノ厚誼ニ猶シテハ深クコレヲ多トスルモノナリ。

惟フニ東亞ニ於ケル新秩序ノ建設ハ、我が國ノ精神ニ淵源シ、コレヲ完成スルハ、現代日本國民ニ蘇セラレタル光榮アル實夢ナリ。帝國ハ必要ナル國內建設ノ革新ヲ當行シテ、愈々國家能力ノ擴充ヲ圖リ、萬能ヲ據シテ新業ノ達成ニ邁進セザルベカラズ。

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